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Sir:

The accompanying affidavit of Richard D. Guarino, Bryce N. Chaney, Andrea Liebmann-Vinson, Perry D. Haaland, and Mohammad A. Heidaran is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated February 27, 2006.

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Appendix A includes copies of Notice of Recordation and Assignment documents for U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/670,771 and 09/992,124.